

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 19, 20 and 22-24. As claims 34 and 35 depend upon claim 19 and do not include the objected to language under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, of now cancelled claim 33 pertaining to the “a wall along which a coating of solidifiable edible coating material flows”, the rejection of claims 34 and 35 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, is improper and should be withdrawn. As such, claims 34 and 35 are also in condition for allowance.

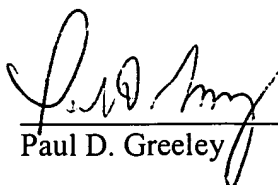
Claims 1-18, 21, and 25-33 have all been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, this application is now in condition for allowance, as the rejections of the claim 33 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph; claims 18, 21 and 25 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Naka et al. (US 5,902,648); claim 13 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Baker et al. (US 1,984,009); claim 17 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Baker et al. (US 1,984,009) in view of Peterson et al. (US 3,228,412); and claim 33 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Naka et al. (US 5,902,648), are now moot and should be withdrawn.

As claims 34 and 35 depend upon allowed claim 19, the rejection thereof under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Naka et al. (US 5,902,648) is improper and should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is solicited. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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